

Pilgrims at Erumeli during the Sabarimalai festival.

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Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of pilgrims who gathered at Erumeli during the Sabarimalai festival of Makaram 1114;

(b) what facilities were given by the Public Health Department to the Pilgrims;

(c) whether good drinking water was available at Erumeli during this season; and

(d) if not, what arrangement was made by the Public Health Department?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (a) About 30,000.

(b) All the wells and springs in and around Erumeli were chlorinated. Twenty trench latrines were put up at Erumeli and petromax lights provided during the night. A Sanitary Circle Officer, with 16 scavengers and sweepers was specially deputed to attend to the sanitation of the place with a supply of medicines for emergency use and sufficient stock of disinfectants.

(c) and (d) The water available in the 11 wells dug at Erumeli was rendered safe for drinking purposes by Chlorination.